

**Sixth sense, psychometry and spirits of place:
Everyday experiences of invisible forces in contemporary Britain**

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Glossary

- Clairvoyance* The acquisition of knowledge without the use of the five physical senses, not from the mind of another person (*telepathy*). One form of *extrasensory perception*.
- Elemental* A non-human or 'other than human' member of the *devic* kingdom, associated with one of the five elements (fire, earth, air, water, aether) normally invisible to humans. Includes fairies, gnomes, brownies, undines, sylphs and so on.
- ESP* *Extrasensory Perception* is the acquisition of knowledge by a means that goes beyond the normal senses. Includes *clairvoyance* and *telepathy*.
- Etheric* In Theosophy and Spiritualism the *etheric* realm exists a slightly higher level of vibration than the physical world. All creatures have an *etheric body*, which surrounds the physical body, and transmits the life force to it. The etheric body leaves the physical body at death, and generally dissolves after a few days.
- Psi* A collective term for paranormal abilities such as clairvoyance, telepathy and *psychokinesis*.
- Psychokinisis* The direct influence of the mind on a physical object or system.
- Psychometry* The acquisition of paranormal knowledge from an object, usually by holding it.
- Synchronicity* Coincidences that are regarded by the perceiver as meaningful.
- Telepathy* Acquisition of information concerning the thoughts and feelings of another conscious being, directly from that person rather than via an object.
- Thought Form* A thought that has physical manifestations at the *etheric* level, which may be perceived by others, consciously or unconsciously. Collective thought forms are particularly powerful and may manifest in the material realm.